

# **CITY OF LAREDO CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**A-2020-R-■**

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**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**1110 HOUSTON STREET**

**LAREDO, TEXAS 78040**

**JULY 27, 2020**

**5:00 P.M.**



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- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- IV. ROLL CALL**
- V. MINUTES**

**Approval of the minutes of June 15, 2020, June 23, 2020, July 14, 2020.**

### **Citizen comments**

Citizens are required to fill out an online witness card no later than 5:15 p.m. and can be found at <https://forms.gle/3GcWeTgGvvCeP3X36>. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Speakers may not pass their minutes to any other speaker. Comments should be relevant to City business and delivered in a professional manner. No derogatory remarks will be permitted.

## VI. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Council Member George Altgelt of Henry Hereford to be reappointed to the Ethics Commission.

## VII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **Public Hearing** to amend Community Development 2019-2020 One Year Action Plan to include additional funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) which is intended to prevent, prepare for and respond to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The City anticipates receiving \$2,264,939.00 in Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds, \$1,130,386.00 through the first allocation of the Emergency Solutions Grant - Coronavirus (ESG-CV1) funds and \$2,552,555.00 through the second allocation of the Emergency Solutions Grant - Coronavirus (ESG-CV2) funds for a total funding amount of \$5,947,880.00. The following projects are proposed and subject to City Council approval:

<b>Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV)</b>		
1	COVID-19 Community Development Administration	\$314,939
2	COVID-19 Mortgage/Rental Assistance Program	\$550,000
3	COVID-19 Public Health Program	\$900,000
4	COVID-19 Quarantine Motel Voucher Program	\$500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,264,939</b>

<b>Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus (ESG-CV)</b>		<b>First Allocation</b>	<b>Second Allocation</b>
1	COVID-19 ESG Program Administration	\$100,386	\$250,500
2	COVID-19 Emergency Shelter - Shelter Operations	\$365,000	\$500,000
3	COVID-19 Emergency Shelter - Essential Services	\$ 30,000	\$250,000
4	COVID-19 Street Outreach	\$ 30,000	\$100,000
5	COVID-19 Rapid Rehousing (Rental assistance)	\$275,000	\$350,000
6	COVID-19 Homelessness Prevention (Rental assistance)	\$275,000	\$0
7	COVID-19 HMIS	\$ 55,000	\$100,000
8	COVID-19 COL- Homelessness Prevention (Rental assistance)		\$1,002,055
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$1,130,386</b>	<b>\$2,552,555</b>
<b>ESG ALLOCATIONS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,682,941</b>	

The City has also revised its Citizen Participation Plan in an effort to adapt to the new HUD guidelines regarding COVID-19 funds and expedite the process for funding availability in the case of a local/national emergency.

2. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to amend the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Community Development Department's budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$5,947,880.00 in order to appropriate Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) and Emergency Solutions Grant - Coronavirus (ESG-CV1 and ESG-CV2) funds available from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act):

The City anticipates receiving:

- \$2,264,939.00 in Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds
- \$1,130,386.00 through the 1st allocation of the Emergency Solutions Grant - Coronavirus (ESG-CV1) funds and
- \$2,552,555.00 through the 2nd allocation of the Emergency Solutions Grant - Coronavirus (ESG-CV2) funds

3. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Municipal Housing Fund FY2020 Annual Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$250,000.00 and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents related to the Texas Veterans Commission's (TVC) Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) Homes for Texas Heroes Grant (H4TXH). There is no match requirement. The program will provide for the home modification, of our Veteran community and their families that are home owners, within the City of Laredo area. The grant will provide up to \$15,000.00 per household based on a house assessment and incomes at or below 80% of the area median income as set annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
4. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into a contract from the Texas Veterans Commission's (TVC) Fund for Veterans Assistance (FVA), amending the FY 2019-2020 budget by appropriating revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$150,000.00 and amending the FY 2019-2020 Full Time Equivalent (FTE), Position Listing by adding one (1) Health Educator II, R32 position for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Veterans Mental Health Project for the term period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
5. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the City of Laredo Municipal Housing Fund FY2020 Annual Budget by increasing revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$50,000.00 and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents related to the Texas Veterans Commission's (TVC) Fund for Veterans' Assistance (FVA) Financial Assistance Grant Program. There is no match fund requirement. The program will provide for a one-time utility payment, one-time mortgage or rental payment. Applicant must be a veteran and qualify at or below the 80% of the area median income as set annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or be disabled.
6. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 3, 4, & 5, Block 1215, Eastern Division, located at 2111 & 2115 Chihuahua St., from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change and staff

supports the application.

**ZC-45-2020**  
**District III**

7. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 8, Block 1345, Eastern Division, located at 2302 Rosario St., from R-O (Residential/Office District) to R-3 (Mixed Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change and staff supports the application.

**ZC-46-2020**  
**District III**

8. **Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance** amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, International Commercial Plat, located at 1302 International Blvd., from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the zone change and staff supports the application.

**ZC-44-2020**  
**District VI**

**(Recess)**  
**(Press Availability)**

**VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES**

9. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement between City of Laredo, as LESSOR, and General Services Administration (GSA), as LESSEE, for approximately 1,533 square feet constituting office space occupied by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) located at 5210 Bob Bullock Loop at the Laredo International Airport. The monthly rent shall be \$5,327.18 and will be adjusted annually according to changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The term shall be for three (3) years commencing on November 18, 2020 and ending on November 17, 2023.
10. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to a lease agreement between the City of Laredo, as LESSOR, and Laredo Aero Center, Inc. dba Signature Flight Support, as LESSEE, to amend section 1.05 titled, TERM OF LEASEHOLD, by adding to the current lease end term of May 31, 2021 two options to extend the lease term until May 31, 2026 and until June 30, 2030; and to amend Section 1.06 RENTAL OBLIGATION AND MODE OF PAYMENT by adding adjustment of rental value based on appraised fair market value of the leased premises on anniversary date in 2021 and 2026; in support of the existing Fixed Based Operator license and match the license term ending date. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged and in effect.

11. An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, ordering and proclaiming a general city election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020; designating polling places; providing for publication; and authorizing the city manager to enter into a contract with Webb County Elections Administrator for the purpose of conducting a joint election with the County of Webb, City of Rio Bravo, City of El Cenizo, Laredo College District, Laredo Independent School District, United Independent School District, and the Webb Consolidated Independent School District. Funding is available in the General Fund Election Division.
12. Establishing the City Council Audit and Accountability Committee and further clarifying the role and authority of the Internal Auditor.
13. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease agreement in the term of five (5) years to the ground lease agreement by and between the City of Laredo, a Municipal Corporation (Licensor), and new Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, (Licensee), with its principal place of business at AR1025 Lenox Park Boulevard, NE, 3rd floor, Atlanta, GA 30319. Site ID: 10007674, being a portion located at 1301 Farragut St., Laredo, Webb County, Texas, with the annual rental amount of \$22,150.00 and will increase 2.5% per annum hereinafter, in accordance with the terms as defined by the agreement and/or modified by subsequent amendments.

#### **IX. FIRST AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE**

14. **2020-O-084** Amending the General Fund to appropriate revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$14,743,135.00 awarded to the City under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and administered by the Texas Division of Emergency Management. Funding would be used to protect the health and safety of the citizens of the City of Laredo and to mitigate the economic ramifications of COVID-19.
15. **2020-O-086** Authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY 2019-2020 Sports and Community Venue Fund by appropriating expenses through a draw down from its fund balance in the amount of \$660,000.00 for the TAMIU Tennis Courts Project. Funding is available in the Sports and Community Venue Fund.

#### **X. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES**

16. **2020-O-072** Authorizing the City Manager to appropriate funds in the amount of \$9,988,345.00 awarded by FTA FY20 CARES ACT Grant TX-2020-100-00 by increasing revenues and expenditures for the FY 2020 Transit Budget. Funding is provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed by President Donald J. Trump on March 27, 2020. Funding will be dispensed at a 100 percent federal share, with no local match required, and will be available to support capital, operating, and other expenses generally eligible under those programs to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

17. **2020-O-073** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning approximate 5.9558 acres out of Porcion 35, Jose M. Diaz, Abstract 546, located at North of Bianka Lane, and West of Loop 20, from R-1 (Single Family Residential District) to R-1A (Single Family Reduced Area Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-41-2020**  
**District I**

18. **2020-O-074** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 21, 22, 23 and 24, Block 1, E.G. Business Park, Phase 2, located at 334, 338, 340 and 344 Veterans Blvd., from B-3 (Community Business District) to M-1 (Light Manufacturing District); providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-42-2020**  
**District II**

19. **2020-O-075** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 6, Riverside Subdivision, located at 317 Masterson Rd., from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-38-2020**  
**District III**

20. **2020-O-076** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by authorizing the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit for Signs Manufacturing at Lot 1, Block 6, Riverside Masterson Rd. Subdivision, located at 317 Masterson Rd; providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-39-2020**  
**District III**

21. **2020-O-077** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lots 1, 2, & 3, Block 208 Eastern Division, located at 1602 South Meadow Avenue, from B-1 (Limited Business District) to B-3 (Community Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-34-2020**  
**District III**

22. **2020-O-078** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by repealing Ordinance 2012-O-084 and rezoning Lot 4, Block 666, Eastern Division, located at 1219 East Bustamante St., from R-3 (Mixed Residential District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-43-2020**  
**District IV**

23. **2020-O-079** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 20, Block 1, The Loop Subdivision Phase 4, located at 6001 Vero Dr., from B-4 (Highway Commercial District) to R-1 (Single Family Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-36-2020  
District V**

24. **2020-O-080** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 1, Block 1, The Loop Subdivision Phase I, located at 6002 Alek Dr., from B-4 (Highway Commercial District) to R-1A Single Family Reduced Area Residential District); providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-37-2020  
District V**

25. **2020-O-081** Amending the Zoning Ordinance (Map) of the City of Laredo by rezoning Lot 51, Block 1, North Point Hills Subdivision, located at 249 North Point Dr., from R-O (Residential/Office District) to B-1 (Limited Business District); providing for publication and effective date.

**ZC-35-2020  
District V**

26. **2020-O-082** Ordinance authorizing the City Manager to amend the City of Laredo FY 2019-2020 Parkland Acquisition and Park Improvement Fund Budget to appropriate revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$312,492.00. Revenues are from park improvement fees and/or cash payment in lieu of land paid by the developers of Shiloh Highland, Antler Crossing, Stamford Height, Village South, The Loop, San Isidro Northeast, San Miguel at Plantation and Hidden Heaven subdivisions. The expenditures will be utilized as per Ordinance 2008-O-058 Section 24.56.2.E and amended Ordinance 2019-O-036 Section 24.56.2.C for park improvements.

27. **2020-O-085** An Ordinance of the City of Laredo, Texas, pursuant to Section 2.11 of the City Charter, amending the Public Health COVID-19 Emergency Ordinance by extending the Emergency Declaration of Local Disaster scheduled to expire on June 30, 2020, for an additional month, through August 31, 2020; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

**XI. CONSENT AGENDA**

**All of the following items may be acted upon by one motion. No separate discussion or action on any of the items is necessary unless desired by a Council Member.**

**AIRPORT:** STAFF SOURCE JEFFREY J. MILLER, AIRPORT DIRECTOR



28. **2020-R-117** Authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application and if offered to execute a Grant Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation – Aviation Division under the Routine Airport Maintenance Program in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the purpose of airside and landside maintenance at the Laredo International Airport and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents resulting from the award. The local match in the amount of \$50,000.00 for this project is available in the Airport Operations Fund. Total estimated project cost is \$100,000.00.

**BUILDING:** STAFF SOURCE ARTURO GARCIA, BUILDING DIRECTOR

29. **2020-R-095** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Mukul Ahmed for a proposed project located at 1719 Lincoln Street, Lot 1, Block 156, Western Division that consists of rehabilitation, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a ten (10) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$82,940.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$525.84 and estimated total fee waivers of \$1,188.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information. The application has been certified under the expedited building permit fee waiver process and is being provided for final consideration and approval by City Council.
30. **2020-R-096** Authorizing and approving a fee waiver and a Tax Abatement Agreement between the City of Laredo and Gage & Ortega Properties, LTD for a proposed project located at 2201 Laredo Street , lot 1 and lot 2, block 1278, eastern division that consists of a commercial building, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a ten (10) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$449,004.90, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$2,846.76 and estimated total fee waivers of \$4,760.50. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information. The application has been certified under the expedited building permit fee waiver process and is being provided for final consideration and approval by City Council.
31. **2020-R-105** Authoring and approving a fee waiver and a tax abatement agreement between the City of Laredo and Maria Zapata for a proposed project located at 3420 Maryland Avenue, north half of Lot 2, Block 199, Eastern Division that consists of a four-bedroom house, in accordance with authorized guidelines and criteria established for the Neighborhood Empowerment Zone (NEZ). This agreement will be for a five (5) year period and will abate taxes on new improvements for the purpose of economic development. The project has an estimated capital investment total of \$90,000.00, estimated annual tax abatement total of \$337.61 and estimated total fee waivers of \$995.00. Guidelines and criteria for the agreement are set forth in the attached agreement and information. The application has been certified under the expedited building permit fee waiver process and is being provided for final consideration and approval by City Council.

**CITY ATTORNEY:** STAFF SOURCE KRISTINA L. HALE, ACTING CITY ATTORNEY



32. Motion to authorize the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Engagement Agreement with Lloyd Gosselink Rochelle & Townsend, P.C. legal services in relation to the City's purchase of the Ponderosa Regional Landfill by authorizing additional legal fees of \$25,000.00 for a total of \$100,000.00. Existing contract authorized amount to exceed \$75,000.00. Funds are available in the Solid Waste Fund.

**CITY SECRETARY:** STAFF SOURCE JOSE A. VALDEZ, JR., CITY SECRETARY

33. Discussion with possible action on the up coming November 3, 2020 General City Elections relating to election calender, voting sites and any other matters incident thereto.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** STAFF SOURCE TINA MARTINEZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

34. **2020-R-106** Authorizing the City Manager to execute legal documents conveying a 6' perpetual easement and right of way at Las Misiones Park to AEP Texas, Inc. over, under, across, and upon a 689.09 sq. ft. tract of land out of a 10.4393 Acre tract as recorded in Volume 2503, Pages 16-20, W.C.O.P.R; Laredo, Webb County, Texas.; said 689.09 sq. ft. tract is more particularly described by metes and bounds in attached "Exhibit A" and boundary survey in attached "Exhibit B"; and providing for an effective date.
35. **2020-R-107** Amending the Citizen Participation Plan required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the administration of federal funds. The amendments will include additional language for processes to be followed in case of a local and/or national emergency. These amendments will address a shorter comment period, the waiver for citizen participation requirement for Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds, the ESG substantial amendment threshold, the reduction in amount of public hearings and public notification time, as well as the use of all applicable waivers provided by HUD.
36. Approving the submission of the amended 2019-2020 Action Plan and Citizen Participation Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), contingent on the lack of substantial comments opposing the use of the funds as proposed earlier during this City Council meeting.

The City anticipates receiving funding in the amounts of **\$2,264,939.00** in Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds, **\$1,130,386.00** through the first allocation of the Emergency Solutions Grant - Coronavirus (ESG-CV1) funds and **\$2,552,555.00** through the second allocation of the Emergency Solutions Grant - Coronavirus (ESG-CV2) funds for a total funding amount of **\$5,947,880.00**.

This motion also authorizes the City Manager to execute all necessary documents related to the CARES Act Funding. The amended plan identifies the projects proposed to be funded, which are as follows:

<b>Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV)</b>		
1	COVID-19 Community Development Administration	\$314,939
2	COVID-19 Mortgage/Rental Assistance Program	\$550,000
3	COVID-19 Public Health Program	\$900,000
4	COVID-19 Quarantine Motel Voucher Program	\$500,000

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,264,939</b>
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7	COVID-19 HMIS	\$ 55,000	\$100,000
8	COVID-19 COL- Homelessness Prevention (Rental assistance)		\$1,002,055
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,130,386</b>	<b>\$2,552,555</b>
<b>ESG ALLOCATIONS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$3,682,941</b>	

37. Approving the submission of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and 2020-2021 Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a request for funding in the amounts of \$3,850,188.00 in 46th Action Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, \$1,167,858.00 through the HOME Investment Partnership Program, and \$327,812.00 through the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). An additional \$2,800.00 is anticipated to be received through CDBG program income, \$72,000.00 in Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan funds, and \$260,000.00 in HOME program income. Also authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents as a result of the Plans' submission. The 2020-2021 plan identifies the projects proposed to be funded by HUD through entitlement program funds and anticipated program income, which are as follows:

	<b>46th AY Community Development Block Grant</b>	
1	Community Development Administration	\$762,000
2	Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$317,710
3	Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program	\$600,000
4	Code Enforcement	\$508,107
5	Graffiti Removal Program	\$ 31,511
6	Downtown Senior Recreational Program	\$165,160
7	Downtown Rental Rehabilitation Program	\$436,000
8	Park Improvements in District I	\$ 73,750
9	Sidewalks in District I	\$ 73,750
10	Park Improvements in District II	\$ 47,500
11	Park Improvements in District III	\$127,500
12	Sidewalks in District III	\$120,000
13	Park Improvements in District IV	\$100,000
14	Sidewalks in District IV	\$ 47,500
15	De Llano Park Improvements in District V	\$147,500
16	Bike Lanes in District VII	\$147,500
17	Sidewalks in District VIII	\$147,500
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,852,988</b>

	Revolving Loan	
18	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Administration	\$ 7,027
19	Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program	\$64,973
	TOTAL	\$72,000

	HOME Investment Partnership Grant	
20	HOME Program Administration	\$116,000
21	Down Payment Assistance Program (PI)	\$260,000
22	Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	\$400,000
23	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)	\$200,000
24	Homeowner Reconstruction Program	\$451,858
	TOTAL	\$1,427,858

	Emergency Solutions Grant	
25	ESG Program Administration	\$16,258
26	Emergency Shelter – Shelter Operations	\$106,318
27	Emergency Shelter – Essential Services	\$45,000
28	Street Outreach	\$ 9,884
29	Rapid Re-Housing	\$82,352
30	Homelessness Prevention	\$60,000
31	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	\$ 8,000
	TOTAL	\$327,812

38. Authorizing the City Manager to amend the 2016 HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) contract with Habitat for Humanity of Laredo by increasing the total amount awarded by an additional \$63,000.00 in funding and extending the contract deadline to June 30, 2021. The additional funds will be utilize to complete the construction of three homes to benefit low to moderate income households. Funding is available in the HOME Investment Partnership Fund Program Income.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** STAFF SOURCE TECLO J. GARCIA, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

39. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify and approve the agreements between Lift Fund, Laredo College and Workforce Solutions in the total amount of \$3,137,000.00 as it relates to workforce training expenses and small business assistance under the CARES Act plan approved by the Laredo City Council on June 23, 2020.

These entities will provide small business assistance and workforce training to those impacted by COVID-19 in accordance with federal and state guidelines.

1. Laredo College for providing workforce skills programs and certification courses for \$700,000.00;
2. Workforce Solutions for South Texas for providing workforce and employment skills training for \$200,000.00;
3. LiftFund for developing, administering and executing a small business grant

program for local businesses for \$2,237,000.00.

**ENGINEERING:** STAFF SOURCE RAMON E. CHAVEZ, CITY ENGINEER

40. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the lowest responsible responsive bidder ALC Construction Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas, in the base bid amount of \$103,070.00 for the Michigan Ave. Sidewalk Project from Springfield Ave. to International Blvd. – District VII with a construction contract time of ninety (90) working days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. After a notice to proceed is issued, estimated completion date for the project is scheduled for October 2020. Funding is available in the 2015 CO Bond and 2017 CO Bond - Project Number D71909.
41. Consideration for approval of the Sidewalk Project Springfield Ave. from Windsor Rd. to Jordan Dr. – District V as complete, release of retainage and approval of final payment in the amount of \$13,705.50 to ALC Construction Co., Inc., Laredo, Texas. Final construction contract amount is \$137,055.00. Funding is available in the 2018 CO Bond – District Priority Funds - Project Number D51914.
42. Consideration for approval to award a construction contract to the lowest responsible responsive bidder Leyendecker Construction of Texas, Inc., in the base bid amount of \$7,557,000.00 for the City of Laredo Tennis Complex at TAMU with a construction contract time of five-hundred fifty (550) calendar days; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all related contract documents contingent upon receipt and approval of insurance and bond documents. After a notice to proceed is issued, the estimated completion date for the project is scheduled for January 2022. Funding is available in the Sports & Community Venue Sales Tax.

**ENVIRONMENTAL:** STAFF SOURCE JOHN PORTER, ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR

43. Consideration and authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #3 for additional Engineering Services contract with Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc., Houston, Texas in the amount of \$88,000.00. The total contract amount with this amendment is \$357,285.00 for Flores Avenue Drainage and Utility Improvements - Phase II. Amendment #3 provides for additional construction coordination meetings with contractor, preparation of modifications for utility conflicts, additional submittal review and responses, as well as preparation and submittal of as-built drawings when the construction is complete. Funding is available in the Environmental 2016 CO Bond and Water Fund 2015 Revenue Bond.
44. Authorizing the City Manager to execute an Engineering Services contract in the amount of \$506,873.00 with Gilpin Engineering Company, Laredo, Texas, for survey, design and specifications, cost estimates, bidding and construction services of improvements to Manadas Creek and detention pond(s). These improvements include a pilot channel, check-dams, and maintenance trails, and hydrologic and hydraulic studies along Manadas Creek as well as \$150,000.00 (included in the \$506,873.00) for submittal of CLOMR and LOMR studies and applications FEMA as a contingency allowance. Funding is available in the 2019 Environmental CO Bond.

45. Consideration and authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #2 for additional Engineering Services contract with Sherfey Engineering Company LLC, Laredo, Texas in the amount of \$34,650.00. The total contract amount with this amendment is \$84,030.00 for Plantation East Channel Improvements. Amendment #2 provides for surveying and preparation of record drawings, hydraulic modeling, and Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) with FEMA. Funding is available in the Environmental 2016 CO Bond.
46. Approval of selection of consultant, Crane Engineering, Laredo, Texas, and authorization to negotiate a professional services contract to provide engineering, environmental, and archeological services for design of the River Vega Hike and Bike trail project; which is a federally funded project. Selection of this consultant followed the TXDOT approved procurement process, as required by the Federal Highway Administration, 23 CFR Part 172, in the Advanced Funding Agreement (CSJ: 0922-33-177).

**FINANCE:** STAFF SOURCE JOSE F. CASTILLO, ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR

47. Authorizing the City Manager to award a three (3) year Professional Service Contract to the best value applicant, BBVA Bank, for depository banking services for fiscal years 2021 through 2023 at a net estimated cost of \$385,330.00. The contract has an additional two (2) year extension option.
48. Consideration to ratify the issuance of an emergency purchase order authorized by City Manager in the amount not to exceed \$123,500.00 to ViralClean Solution LLC, Hebbbronville, TX for the purchase and installation of 13 disinfecting aluminum tunnels. These disinfecting systems will be located outside the entrance of various city building locations. Funding of this contract is available through General Fund; expenses are eligible for 100% reimbursement from CARES Act.

**FIRE:** STAFF SOURCE RAMIRO R. ELIZONDO, JR., INTERIM FIRE CHIEF

49. Consideration to ratify the issuance of an emergency purchase order, authorized by City Manager, in the amount not to exceed \$73,264.67.00 to Doggett Freightliner of South Laredo Fire, Laredo, TX. This was issued for the emergency repair services of an Ambulance unit for the City of Laredo Fire Department. This unit was being used to respond to COVID-19 calls. Unit broke down and repairs include full engine replacement. This unit needs to get back on duty to continue providing services for the COVID-19 calls as cases continue to rise. Funding is available in Fire Department General Fund.
50. Consideration to ratify the issuance of an emergency purchase order, authorized by City Manager, in the amount not to exceed \$227,348.00 to Siddons Martin Emergency Group, Denton, TX. This was for the purchase of a Type I Ambulance for the City of Laredo Fire Department. This purchase was done utilizing Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative contract HGAC AM10-18. This unit is being used solely for immediate response to COVID-19 related calls as cases continue to rise. Funding of this contract is available through General Fund; expenses are eligible for 100% reimbursement from CARES Act.

**FLEET MANAGEMENT:** STAFF SOURCE RONALD MILLER, FLEET DIRECTOR

51. Consideration to award contract FY20-062 to provide car wash services to the following vendors:

1. (Section I: Full Service Car Wash) - Power Car Wash and Detail, Laredo, Texas in an amount of up to \$20,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
2. (Section II: Exterior Car Wash Services) - Dale Shine Xpress Car Wash, Laredo, Texas in an amount of up to \$20,000.00 (Primary Vendor);
3. (Section II: Exterior Car Wash Services) - Royal Laser Wash, Laredo, Texas in an amount of up to \$15,000.00 (Secondary Vendor);
4. (Section II: Exterior Car Wash Services) - Power Car Wash and Detail, Laredo, Texas in an amount of up to \$15,000.00 (Secondary Vendor).

The term of the contract shall be for period of one (1) year with an opportunity to renew for three (3) additional one (1) year periods and is subject to future appropriations. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

52. Consideration to award contract FY20-059 to the following vendors to provide safety inspection services for all of the City's municipal fleet vehicles. This vendor will be authorized to do minor repairs and/or replace parts that may be required to meet the State of Texas Safety Inspection Standards. All minor repairs shall not exceed \$50.00. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for three (3) more additional one (1) year periods, each upon mutual agreement of the parties and contingent upon future funding appropriations. Funding is available in the Fleet Department Fund.

1. R & S Inspection Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$40,000.00;
2. Rotex Truck Center, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$ 20,000.00;
3. Grease Monkey, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$ 10,000.00.

53. Consideration to renew annual contracts FY16-071 with the following vendors for the fabrication of hydraulic hoses with fittings for the City's heavy equipment. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. This is the last extension period for this contract. There was no price increase during the last extension period. All hoses will be purchased on an as needed basis and is based upon funding appropriation. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance budget.

1. Velco Inc., Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$20,000.00; and
2. Hydrahose Services, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$25,000.00.

54. Consideration to renew contract FY16-051 to sole bidder Praxair, Laredo, Texas for an annual amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. This contract is to provide welding gases/medical oxygen to various City Departments to include: Fire, Traffic, Parks and Recreation. This is the last renewal and it is for a two (2) year term, subject to future appropriations. Funding is available in the respective departmental budgets.



55. Consideration to renew the existing annual contract FY18-085 with Gonzalez Auto Parts, Laredo, Texas in an amount up to \$115,000.00, for the purchase of automotive batteries for the City's fleet vehicles. All batteries will be secured on an as needed basis. There was no price increase during the last extension period. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year and shall be contingent upon availability of appropriated funds. This is the second of three extension periods. Funding is available in the Fleet Maintenance Budget.

**HEALTH:** STAFF SOURCE RICHARD A. CHAMBERLAIN, INTERIM HEALTH DIRECTOR

56. **2020-R-113** Ratifying the submission of a grant application to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in the estimated amount of \$131,626.00 for epi/surveillance and in the estimated amount of \$1,045,448.00 for laboratory needs for a total amount of \$1,177,074.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) COVID-19 response activities for the term period from August 1, 2020 (or upon execution) through April 30, 2022 and further authorizing the City Manager to execute any and all documents resulting from the award of this grant.
57. **2020-R-114** Ratifying the execution of a contract with the Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas (WHFPT) in the amount of \$113,928.00 for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department Title X Family Planning Women's Preventive Health services for the period from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021.
58. **2020-R-115** Authorizing the City Manager to accept funds in the amount of \$24,699.00 from the Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas (WHFPT) through the Quality Improvement and Access Fund (Part A) for the continuation of the City of Laredo Health Department Title X Family Planning Women's Preventive Health and Wellness Services for the term period from April 1, 2020 through March 15, 2021.
59. **2020-R-116** Ratifying the execution of a contract from the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) in the amount of \$5,889,608.00 for the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program to continue to provide nutrition education and food supplemental services to women and children with nutrition and health risks for the term from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

**INFORMATION SERVICES & TELECOMMUNICATION:** STAFF SOURCE HOMERO VAZQUEZ-GARCIA, IST DIRECTOR

60. Amendment to the Ground Lease between the City of Laredo ("Licensor") and American Towers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Licensee"), as Successor in Interest to Omniamerica Development Corporation, for ground space at 1120 Calton Road, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, for the continued maintenance and operation of a 150 ft. high monopole and related ground facilities for use in their communications business. Term of the Amendment is one (1) initial term of five (5) years commencing June 21, 2024 and ending June 20, 2029, with four (4) additional five (5) year renewal options. The annual fee will increase from \$18,108.00 to \$45,000.00 with a three percent (3%) annual escalator. The city will also receive a \$25,000.00 one-time payment within 30 days of Licensee's receipt of this amendment executed by Licensor.



61. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to the Ground Lease between the City of Laredo ("Licensor") and American Towers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Licensee"), for ground space at 8010 Killam Industrial Road, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, for the continued maintenance and operation of a 180 ft. high monopole and related ground facilities for use in its communications business. Term of the Amendment is one (1) initial term of five (5) years commencing October 25, 2024 and ending October 25, 2029, with four (4) additional five (5) year renewal options. The annual fee will increase from \$13,100.00 to \$45,000.00 with a three percent (3%) annual escalator. The city will also receive a \$25,000.00 one-time payment within 30 days of Licensee's receipt of this amendment executed by Licensor.
62. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Second Amendment to the Ground Lease between the City of Laredo ("Licensor") and American Towers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Licensee"), as Successor in Interest to OmniAmerica Development Corporation, for ground space at 2701 Seymour Street, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, for the continued maintenance and operation of a 180 ft. high monopole and related ground facilities. Term of the Amendment is one (1) initial term of five (5) years commencing October 20, 2023 and ending October 19, 2028, with four (4) additional five (5) year renewal options. The annual fee will increase from \$12,267.00 to \$45,000.00 with a three percent (3%) annual escalator. The city will also receive a \$25,000.00 one-time payment within 30 days of Licensee's receipt of this amendment executed by Licensor.
63. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to the Lease between the City of Laredo ("Licensor") and T-Mobile West LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, ("Licensee"), as Successor in Interest to STPCS Joint Venture, LLC, for ground space at 610 Del Mar, Laredo, Webb County, Texas, for the continued maintenance and operation of Antennae Facilities on the top surface of the Water Tower, and related ground facilities for use in their communications business. Term of the amendment is one (1) five (5) year term commencing May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2025, with no renewal options. The annual fee will increase from \$11,461.00 to \$25,000.00.
64. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between Intrado Life & Safety Solutions Corp and the City of Laredo for the purchase of Front and Back Room Customer Premise Equipment (CPE) through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contract EC07-20 in the total amount of \$475,692.43. The Front and Back Room CPE will be provided at all eight (8) Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) located throughout the South Texas Region, which consists of Telecommunicators workstation equipment, including monitors, keyboards, headsets, computer Central Processing Units (CPU), VIPER Equipment (Application Server, CAMA Interface Modules, Admin Interface Modules, Power Supplies), printers, etc.. Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund. Purchases are for the grant year of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021 RCOM21.
65. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute contract payments with annual vendors (AT&T, Western States Communication) for providing the existing 9-1-1 telephone network, database services, and wireless/equipment maintenance for the South Texas Region, including Jim Hogg, Starr, Webb and Zapata counties, in the amount of \$207,755.00. Payments are for the period of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021. Funding is available in the 9-1-1 Regional Fund.

66. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a contract between Equature and the City of Laredo for the purchase of voice recorders through the Houston Galveston Area Council of Governments (HGAC) Cooperative Purchasing Contract EC07-20 in the total amount of \$79,374.57. The Voice Recorders will be provided at five (5) of the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) located throughout the South Texas Region, which consists of the voice recorder solution, licenses, and one full year of warranty. Purchases are for the grant year of September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021, RCOM21. Funding is available in the Regional 9-1-1 Fund.
67. Consideration to ratify Purchase Order 332966 issued to ADCOMP Systems, Inc. for the amount of \$88,090.80, for the purchase of three (3) Special Order Outfacing Kiosks for contact less utility payments; providing the ability for customers to pay without having to enter the buildings, thereby minimizing COVID-19 exposure.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** STAFF SOURCE JUAN J. GOMEZ, JR., PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

68. Consideration to award contract FY20-070 to the sole bidder Clark Hardware, Laredo, Texas in the estimated annual amount of \$300,000.00. This is a two year contract for the purchase of assorted plumbing items such as: water fountains, heaters, couplings, fittings, etc. This contract is subject to future appropriations. All items will be purchased on an as needed basis throughout the year and for various city departments. This contract may be extended for an additional one or two year period upon mutual consent of both parties. Funding is available in the Parks and Recreation, Airport, Public Works, Health, Solid Waste, Laredo Transit Management Inc., Laredo Municipal Housing and Utilities departments budgets.
69. Consideration to renew contract FY16-060 with La Flecha Materials, Laredo, Texas, in an amount up to \$152,000.00 for the purchase of red top soil and fill dirt for the Parks & Recreation department. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon availability of appropriated funds. There is a proposed price increase for this next extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. All soils will be purchased on an as needed basis. The Parks & Recreation Department will use these soils for the maintenance of its parks. Funding is available in the Parks & Recreation General Fund Budget.

**POLICE:** STAFF SOURCE CLAUDIO TREVINO, CHIEF OF POLICE

70. **2020-R-103.** Authorizing the City Manager to renew three (3) individual Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) between the City of Laredo Police Department and:
1. Laredo Job Corps Center,
  2. Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Records Services License Plate Reader, and
  3. Texas Department of Public Safety TCIC Stolen License Plate and TCIC Stolen Vehicle Information.

The Police Department's participation is part of the community service provided to our citizens and our partner law enforcement agencies with no cost to the City of Laredo.

71. **2020-R-104** Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Laredo Police Department and the Serving Children and Adults in Need Inc. (SCAN) for the purpose of establishing efficient referral and service coordination system for youth Runway and Homeless Youth (RHY). The Police Department's participation is part of the community service provided to our citizens with no cost to the City of Laredo.
72. **2020-R-108** Authorizing the City Manager to accept a grant in the amount of \$1,375,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) Program. The City of Laredo will utilize this funding to hire eleven (11) new police officers for a period of three (3) years. The 2020 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant provides a maximum federal share of \$125,000.00 per officer position of the approved entry level salaries and fringe benefits of each newly hired and/or rehired full time sworn career law enforcement officer over the three (3) year (36 months) grant period. Funding is available under the Special Police Fund - COPS Hiring Program.
73. Consideration to award contract FY20-042 to sole bidder, Southern Folger Detention Equipment Company, San Antonio, TX, in the amount of \$167,950.00 to purchase and install a new access control system at the Laredo Police Department Headquarters booking and holding cells area. Funding is available in the Laredo Police Department General Fund Budget.
74. Consideration to authorize the purchase of two (2) patrol units from Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, Texas in the amount of \$85,489.50. The purchase of these vehicles shall be made utilizing the Goodbuy Contract Pricing Program. The patrol units will be used for COVID19 Operations. Funding is available in the General Fund; expenses for this purchase are eligible for 100% reimbursement under the CARES Act.
75. Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Tyler Technologies, Inc. of Plano, Texas utilizing Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract #110515-TTI. The amendment is to provide the Police, Fire and Municipal Court departments with Public Safety software and services including: Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), Records Management System (RMS) and electronic citations in the amount of \$1,646,476.00. Payment terms are three (3) equal annual payments with no financing or interest charge. Funding for this purchase is available in the Police Trust Fund and General Fund - Fire and Municipal Court Technology Fund budgets.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** STAFF SOURCE JOHN ORFILA, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

76. Consideration to renew contract number FY17-047 with S.C.C. Pure Materials, Laredo, Texas in amount up to \$500,000.00 for the purchase of the following paving, and construction materials:

1. Flexible base Type D – Crushed Concrete, F.O.B. Public Works or Utilities Department Compound Job Site - \$17.50/ton

2. Flexible base Type D – Crushed Concrete, F.O.B. Vendors Plant, Picked up by City Trucks - \$14.50/ton

This contract is for the purchase of materials required for all city paving and construction projects. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the third of four extension periods. All materials shall be purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the Public Works Department Funds and Utilities Department General Fund.

77. Consideration to renew contract FY17-049 with Anderson Columbia, Lake City, Florida, in an amount up to \$3,000,000.00 for the purchase of black base and asphalt hot mix used for street paving projects. Any price changes to this contract will be governed by an index made up of the composite posted prices in the Laredo area of those companies published in the daily publication of Oil Price Information Service (OPIS). All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the construction project budgets. There was a price decrease during the last extension period. This is the third of four extension periods. Funding is available in the Public Works Department General Fund.
78. Consideration to award Contract FY20-069 to the low bidder, Anderson Columbia, Weslaco, Texas as the Primary Vendor in an annual amount up to \$200,000.00 and Century Asphalt, Houston, Texas as the secondary vendor in an annual amount up to \$100,000.00 for the purchase of tack coat emulsified asphalt oil used for street paving projects. All materials are purchased on an as needed basis utilizing the construction project budgets. This contract may be extended for three, additional one (1) year periods upon mutual agreement of the parties. Funding is available in the Public Works Department General Fund.

**SOLID WASTE:** STAFF SOURCE STEPHEN GEISS, SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR

79. Consideration to award contract FY20-056 to sole bidder TAMCO Services, Laredo, TX in the estimated amount of \$184,336.00 (\$92,168.00 annually) for the disposal of freon for refrigerators and window A/C units for the Solid Waste Department. This service is to comply with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulations and guidelines to properly dispose of freon by certified technicians. The original term of the contract is for two (2) years, subject to future appropriations; this contract has options to renew one (1) additional two (2) year term upon mutual agreement and contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Fund.
80. Consideration to renew contract number FY15-050 with MO-VAC, Environmental Inc., McAllen, Texas in an amount up to \$81,250.00 for the transportation and disposal of leachate contaminated water for the Solid Waste Services department. The frequency and number of loads varies depending on the City's needs. The bid price is based on a per gallon rate. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the sixth and last extension period. Funding is available in the Solid Waste Services Department Fund.

**TAX:** STAFF SOURCE DORA MALDONADO, TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR

81. Approving monthly adjustments to the tax roll. The amounts adjusted for the month of June 2020 represent a decrease of \$113,518.55. These adjustments are determined by the Webb County Appraisal District and by court orders.

**TRAFFIC SAFETY:** STAFF SOURCE DANNY MAGEE, TRAFFIC DIRECTOR

82. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into and execute a landscape maintenance agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to provide maintenance and landscape improvements on the center median of FM 1472, from the intersection of FM 1472 and Verde Blvd. extending northbound approximately 1.89 miles to a point .25 miles northwest of the junction with FM 3338.
83. Consideration to authorize the selection of Cubic Trafficware's proposal for the Laredo McPherson Road SynchroGreen project. The SynchroGreen Real Time Adaptive Traffic Control System highlights elements of SynchroGreen, including system basics, requirements and the deployment process; servicing seven (7) intersections between Shiloh Road and Jacaman Road. Total estimate cost for this project is \$139,050.00 a support and software maintenance for the first year is included at no cost to the city. Funding is available in the 2019 PPFCO Bond.
84. Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with AEP to replace any LED light upon failure at no cost and replace the working existing street lights with LED at a cost of \$137.86 for each lamp. Funding will be allocated from the LED light replacement bond and paid as services are rendered. Funding is available in the 2018 CO Bond.

**UTILITIES:** STAFF SOURCE MICHAEL F. RODGERS, INTERIM UTILITIES DIRECTOR

85. Authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment #1 to Garver Engineering for professional services in the amount of \$271,962.00 to the existing contract amount of \$1,018,423.00. The scope of work includes design reports, plan sheet development, and technical specification for procurement of the high service pump station; as well as evaluation of sizing of replacement surge relief valve, plan sheet development, technical specifications for procurement of replacement, and rehabilitation of pump specifications for installation and tolerance of the existing raw water pumps at both facilities at the El Pico Water Treatment Plant. Total contract amount with Amendment #1 would be \$1,290,385.00. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Construction Fund.
86. Consideration to award contract FY20-063 to the low bidder, Core & Main, from San Antonio, Texas not to exceed \$1,211,870.39 for the purchase of AMR/AMI water meters, meter kits (register/endpoint/antenna), Associated Individual Components, and Unitizing Measuring Elements (UME's) for the Utilities Department. All meters meet NSF Standard 61 Certification and NSF 61 Annex F and G (lead requirements). All meters and meter kits will be ordered on an as needed basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for three (3) additional one (1) year periods, each upon mutual agreement of the parties and contingent upon future funding appropriations. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund.

87. Consideration to award supply contract number FY20-065 to the low bidder, Tenoch Distribution, from San Antonio, TX in the estimated amount of \$350,000.00 for the purchase of PVC pipe used by the Utilities department. The term of this contract shall be for a period of six (6) months beginning as of the date of its execution. The contract may be extended for six (6) more additional six (6) month periods, each upon mutual agreement of the parties and contingent upon future funding appropriations. These materials are purchased on an as needed basis for construction and repair projects. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Fund.
88. Consideration to award a two (2) year supply contract to the sole source provider Xylem Water Solutions, Carrollton, Texas for the purchase of replacement submersible water and drainage pumps, parts, and service for the Wastewater Treatment plants and lift stations for the Utilities Department. This contract will be for an estimated annual amount of \$650,000.00. All pumps, parts, and services will be secured on an as needed basis. Funding is available in the Utilities department budget and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds.
89. Authorizing the City Manager to accept the project as complete and release of retainage in the amount of \$31,969.81 to Azar Services, LLC., Laredo, Texas for the Unitec Wastewater Treatment Plant - Concrete Staging Area Project. The total contract sum, including Change Order #1 that was approved by previous Council meeting, was \$639,375.00. The project was completed on May 25, 2020, in accordance with plans and specifications. A one (1) year of warranty is provided by the contractor per contract, from the date of contract approval of execution. Funding is available in the 2017 Sewer Revenue Bond.
90. Consideration to renew contract FY18-081 with Test America Laboratories, North Canton, Ohio in an amount of up to \$350,000.00 to provide laboratory analytical services for water and wastewater samples in accordance to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved standard methods. Sample testing is done on a daily, monthly, and quarterly basis. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year beginning as of the date of its execution and is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. There was no price increase during the last extension period. This is the last extension period for this contract. Funding is available in the Utilities Department budget, Water and Wastewater Treatment Divisions.
91. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify a contract utilizing the U.S. Community Program, a national Purchasing Cooperative Program, pricing Contract # EV2370 to Graybar Electric for the El Pico Water Treatment Plant Service Conductor Replacement Project in the amount of \$535,161.10. Contract was awarded to take corrective action and preventive measures to keep plant operational. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Water Construction Fund.
92. Consideration to authorize the purchase of three (3) Ford F150's Extended Cab from Silsbee Ford, Silsbee, Texas in the amount of \$83,011.50 through the GoodBuy Cooperative Purchasing Program's contract pricing. These trucks are replacement for units 13547, 13465, and 14327 which have all reached their useful life. Funding is available in the Water and Sewer 2018 PPFCO.

93. Authorizing the City Manager to approve Change Order #1 for a credit of \$100.00 resulting in a new total contract sum of \$566,475.00. Final acceptance the project as complete, authorize final payment of \$4,166.68, release of retainage amounting to \$28,115.42, for a total final payment of \$32,282.10 for ALC Construction, Co. Inc., Laredo, Texas for the Utilities Department Materials Storage Canopy Improvements Project. The contract time increased from 90 to 135 working days. Funding is available in the 2017 Sewer Revenue Bond.
94. Consideration to authorize the purchase of one (1) valve maintenance trailer from E.H. Wachs, Lincolnshire, IL, in the total amount \$75,244.55 for the Utilities Department. The trailer will be used to open and close valves when performing scheduled maintenance in the water lines. This trailer is a replacement for unit# 10781 which has reached its useful life. The purchase of this equipment shall be made utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Contract Pricing Program. Funding is available in the Water 2018 PPFCO.
95. Authorizing the City Manager to ratify a contract utilizing NO-DES, Inc. from 1860 Bosque Farms Boulevard, Bosque Farms, NM. This service is a specialized patented process and uses specialized equipment for flushing of water lines by recycling the water within the distribution mains to eliminate the loss of water typically lost when conducting directional flushing. NO-DES flushing alleviates wasting large amounts of water associated with conventional flushing methods. The contract amount is for \$79,200.00. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Water Construction Fund.
96. Consideration to award a purchase order to Hach Company, Loveland, Colorado as the Sole Authorized Manufacturer and Direct Distributor in the estimated amount of \$200,000.00 for specialized equipment for sampling in the water treatment plants and in the distribution system for potable water. This award will provide the continued purchase of Hach branded instrumentation and chemistry for the daily required TCEQ water sampling. Funding is available in the Waterworks System Fund.
97. Consideration to award contract FY20-067 to CB Solutions, Lago Vista, Texas in the amount of \$833,457.00 for the six month rental of generators. CB Solutions was the lowest responsive, responsible bidder that met all specifications on generators, which are required for continuous operation under load as the water treatment process project for the Utilities department. The estimated time for this rental is six months. Funding is available in the Utilities Department Water Construction Fund.
98. Consideration to award contract FY20-068 to the sole bidder Cactus Disposal of North Texas, Dallas, Texas in the amount of \$209,380.00 for the removal of approximately three feet of wet sludge sewer debris from the aeration tank located at the Zacate Wastewater Treatment Plant. West aeration basin needs to be cleaned and prepared before actual Aeration upgrade can take place. The estimated time for completion of this project is between thirty and forty working days. Funding is available in the 2017 Sewer Revenue Budget Fund.



99. Consideration to award a contract to Network Alliance, San Antonio, Texas in the amount of \$189,732.14 for the purchase and installation of an upgrade to the existing IP Phone System and Contact Center through the State of Texas, Department of Information Resources (DIR) cooperative purchase contracts. Funding is available in the Water and Sewer Construction Funds budgets.
100. Consideration to award contract FY20-075 to the low bidder Magellan Dredging, Richmond, Texas in the amount of \$179,308.00 for the dredging of approximately 8,000 cubic yards of sediment from in front of the El Pico Water Treatment Plant intake structure to improve the hydraulic flow from the Rio Grande River. The estimated time for completion of this project is thirty (30) working days. Funding is available in the Utilities Waterworks Construction Fund.
101. Consideration for approval of the selection of engineering consultant, JBS Water, based on Request For Qualifications (RFQ) received and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract for the Comprehensive Water Distribution & Meter Management Audit 2020. No financial impact.
102. Consideration to accept a donation from Pedal Valves, Luling, LA. of approximately 1,200 automated meter reading (AMR) meter registers and antennas that have received minor damage and have no value to Pedal Valves. This items will not be placed into inventory and will be used as spare parts. These 1,200 items hold a parts list price value of \$153,252.00 when new and under warranty.
103. Authorize City Manager to negotiate and accept a Developer's Contribution of \$150,000.00 from North Laredo Industrial Park, Ltd for the recommissioning of the Hachar Booster Station. North Laredo Industrial Park is under construction and future phases are being developed and planned for construction. The contribution amount will be determined on the fair share for the development area and the actual cost of the improvement.

#### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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#### **XII. STAFF REPORTS**

104. Discussion with possible action on ongoing audits and/or irregularities identified by the Internal Auditor including the potential assignment of other and/or additional auditing duties; and any other matters incident thereto.
105. Submission of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Budget as per Article VI, Section 6.02, Submission of Budget, which states "At least sixty (60) days before the end of the fiscal year the City Manager shall present to the Council a budget for ensuing fiscal year with accompanying budget message."
106. Submitting the Proposed 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) as per Article VI, Section 6.05 of the City Charter, which states that "the City Manager shall prepare and submit a five (5) year capital program at least sixty (60) days before the end of the fiscal year."

107. Discussion with possible action regarding the City of Laredo Tennis Complex at Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) to be awarded to the lowest bidder; and any other matters incident thereto.
108. Discussion with possible action to extend the Utility Assistance Program through the end of August 2020. Under the Program, late fees, disconnections and credit card fees for online payments have been suspended. Additionally, qualified applicants with supporting unemployed/underemployed documentation from the Texas Work Force Commission can receive Utility Bill payment assistance up to \$125.00 per month for their residential accounts.
109. Status update on the 2020 Census; and any other matters incident thereto.
110. Status update on the parkland dedication by Jose Medina; and any other matters incident thereto.

### **XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any posted agenda item when authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and/or 551.086 (Economic Development). Following closed session, the open meeting will reconvene at which time action, if any, may be taken.

111. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Local Government Code 551.071 related to litigation involving *Civil No. 5:20-CV-101; United States of America v. 207.9395 Acres of Land, more or less, situate in Webb County, State of Texas, and City of Laredo*; pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas Laredo Division; and return to open session for possible action.
112. Request for Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 and 551.072 related to possible litigation and the Offer to Sell Real Property 15.464 acres located in La Grulla, Texas owned by the City of Laredo pursuant to Federal Condemnation Case No. 7:18-CV-375; styled *United States of America v. 801.077 Acres of Land, more or less, situated in Starr County, State of Texas, and City of Laredo, et al.*; closed in the U.S. Southern District of Texas, McAllen Division.

### **XIV. RECESS AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL AND CONVENE AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD**

113. **2020-RT-09** Authorizing the City Manager and staff to apply and submit a grant application to the Texas Department of Transportation Urban STATE-U-2020-LAREDO-00195 for FY2021 in the amount of \$637,564.00 to be used for preventative maintenance from the State Public Transportation funds for Large Urban, Small Urban and Rural areas of the state by the General Appropriations Act enacted by the 86th Texas Legislature regular session and approved on June 25, 2020 by the Texas Transportation Commission on minute order 115771.
114. Discussion with possible action for El Metro Transit to reinstate the collection of bus fares for regular Fixed Route and Para Transit (El Lift) services. COVID-19 cases in the City of Laredo and that of Webb County continue to increase. In order to deter non-essential travel aboard the transit system, transit fare collection for both fixed route and Para Transit services is to be implemented along with the alignment of transit services with effective City of Laredo curfew orders effective 72 hours after approval of this motion.

**XV. ADJOURN AS THE LAREDO MASS TRANSIT BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE LAREDO CITY COUNCIL**

115. **GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Request by Mayor Pete Saenz**

1. Discussion with possible action on status of compliance of paving ordinance for industrial sites and parking lots within those sites; and possible alternatives to those property owners not yet in compliance, and any other matters incident thereto.

B. **Request by Council Member Rudy Gonzalez, Jr.**

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct the City Manager to authorize staff to install speed humps at the following locations, under the Special Provision of the Speed Hump Installation Policy, and to authorize the use of asphalt type speed humps, instead of cushions, which is currently required under the policy; and any other matters incident thereto. City Council District 1 Priority Funds will be used for this project.

- Speed humps on Corrada St. and Calle Alta Ct.
- Speed humps on Nubes Drive

C. **Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez**

1. Discussion with possible action on the adoption of a Resolution that would call upon state legislators to support the passage of a bill that, in addition to the punishment available under Section 25.03 of the Texas Penal Code, would allow law enforcement to immediately issue a citation to any parent accused of

interference with child custody, and any other matter incident thereto.

**D. Request by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alberto Torres, Jr.**

1. Discussion with possible action to instruct management to commence a vast acquisition of influenza vaccines through the Health Department as soon as possible in order to provide free vaccine clinics as early as August or September to protect as many constituents as possible from getting viral respiratory illnesses such as the flu, that can spread easily and worsen the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic in Laredo; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action on LED public lighting, including update on funds allocated and approved by Council for such transition, including a formal request submission, plan of action and schedule for and from AEP; and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action to go out on RFQ's or RFP's for District 4 art and beautification projects utilizing the allocated Public Arts – Reserve fund; and any other matters incident thereto.

**E. Request by Council Member Nelly Vielma**

1. Discussion with possible action to ratify the assistance provided to the Catholic Charities Diocese of Laredo that took place on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at the Sames Auto Arena with distribution of fruits, veggies, and cleaning supplies; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action to explore moving the Fire Fighters Mechanic Shop at Station 6 and consolidating with Fleet Department; and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action to provide cost analysis and EMS needs to allocate for an ambulance at Station 6; and any other matters incident thereto.

**F. Request by Council Member Dr. Marte A. Martinez**

1. Discussion with possible action on the status of roads that have been paved by linear feet/miles and number of blocks from last year to when paving project were halted due to funding; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action on the status of the Water and Sewer Master Plan and status on current projects to include but not limited to interceptor lines, tunnels, water towers, and cleaning of lines since the last burn; and any other matters

incident thereto.

**G. Request by Council Member George Altgelt**

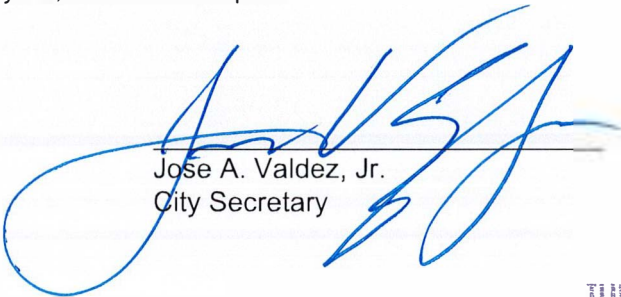
1. Discussion with possible action to modify the ethics code and lobbying ordinance to identify as a conflict of interest a Council Member voting to approve appointments of Laredo Police Chief or Fire Chief if the applicant was a member of the Union Board and the Council Member previously received a campaign contribution from the union or other such quid pro quo; and any other matters incident thereto.
2. Discussion with possible action on an update regarding Santa Maria Bike Lanes; and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action on the status of the Barbara Fasken Community Center Improvements; and any other matters incident thereto.

**H. Request by Council Member Roberto Balli**

1. Discussion with possible action to support the No Border Wall Coalition's effort to paint a mural; and any other matters incident thereto. **(Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alberto Torres, Jr. and Council Member Nelly Vielma)**
2. Discussion with possible action to use CARES act funding to expand the City's wifi grid and provide financial support for technology for the local school districts; and any other matters incident thereto.
3. Discussion with possible action to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Laredo Film Society for the rental of a city building in District 8; and any other matters incident thereto.

**XVI. ADJOURN**

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 6:45 p.m.

  
Jose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary

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SUPPLEMENTAL  
AGENDA

I. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

1. Appointment by Council Member Nelly Vielma of Joaquin Rodriguez to the Ethics Commission.

## II. CONSENT AGENDA

All of the following items may be acted upon by one motion. No separate discussion or action on any of the items is necessary unless desired by <sup>a</sup> Council Member.

### AIRPORT: STAFF SOURCE JEFFREY J. MILLER, AIRPORT DIRECTOR

1. Consideration to authorize City Manager to execute an amendment to the engagement agreement with GRA Inc., Jenkintown, PA., in an amount not to exceed \$81,000.00 for professional consulting services to develop an economic study for the Laredo International Airport. The period to perform this study is from July 31, 2019 to September 30, 2020. Funding is available in the International Airport Fund.

### END OF CONSENT AGENDA

## III. GENERAL COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS AND PRESENTATIONS



A. Request by Council Member Vidal Rodriguez

1. Motion to consider hazardous pay for city employees who are not working from home while COVID-19 Emergency Orders are in place; and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alberto Torres, Jr.)
2. Motion to assist the Laredo Regional Food Bank with food distribution to take place at the South Laredo Library on August 7, 2020 for 1000 families; and any other matters incident thereto. (Co-Sponsored by Mayor Pro-Tempore Alberto Torres, Jr.)

IV. ADJOURNMENT

This notice was posted at the Municipal Government Offices, 1110 Houston Street, Laredo, Texas, at a place convenient and readily accessible to the public at all times. Said notice was posted on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Rose A. Valdez, Jr.  
City Secretary

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